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Flocabulary Video Tutorial

This tutorial will show you how to create a Flocabulary-like video. In it the instructor will be working with *Romeo and Juliet* as his source material. He
1. Writes lyrics for a "R&J Rap."
2. Records its performance, just to pull the audio (you could just as easily do an audio recording).
3. Creates a storyboard with animated characters that follows the story of *Romeo and Juliet.*
4. Sets the storyboard to the rap audio, and aligns the imagery with the music.
5. Uploads the finished product to YouTube and adds subtitles.

The Lyrics

The first step in the process is to create lyrics for your song or rap. This can be time-consuming, but it can also be fun.
1. Paraphrase the story or content that you'd like to teach.
2. Add a rhyme scheme - couplets (every 2 lines rhyme) are easiest and often create more noticeable rhyme in the song/rap.
3. Keep your lines similar in length. 8 or 10 syllables per line is more than enough.
4. For a rap, you'll have to find a usable beat. There are LOTS on YouTube.

Link to our example for Romeo & Juliet

The Audio

After finishing the lyrics, you'll have to record an audio of the song or rap in performance. This can be you or someone else. It doesn't matter, as long as you end up with a good audio recording that you can use. Some students even have Google read their rap and set it to a beat. Difficult, but it can be done.
Some tools that you might use:
1. Groovepad App
2. YouTube (thousands of beats recorded there)
3. Audio Recorder (on your phone)
4. SoundCloud (recorder)
Once it's finished, you'll need to get your recording onto your computer: chromebook, PC, MacBook, etc. It doesn't matter, as long as you get your file there.

Note: If you record the video of the performance, it's just as good. You can pull the audio out of a video recording easily.

The Storyboard

In this step, you'll create the animation or cartoon sequence of images that creates the visual "story" that will be attached to your lyrics. There are MANY ways to do this.
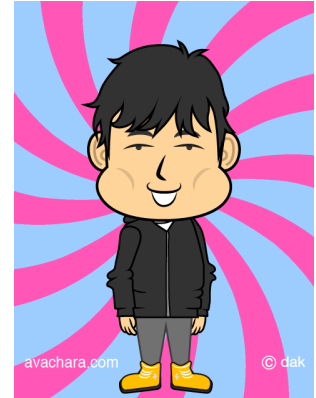
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- StoryJumper, Pixton, Storyboardthat, ToonyTool, and more! There are lots of tools out there that simplify the creation of cartooning. However, they almost always want you to pay to download your finished product. The video tutorial at the top of the page utilizes StoryJumper.
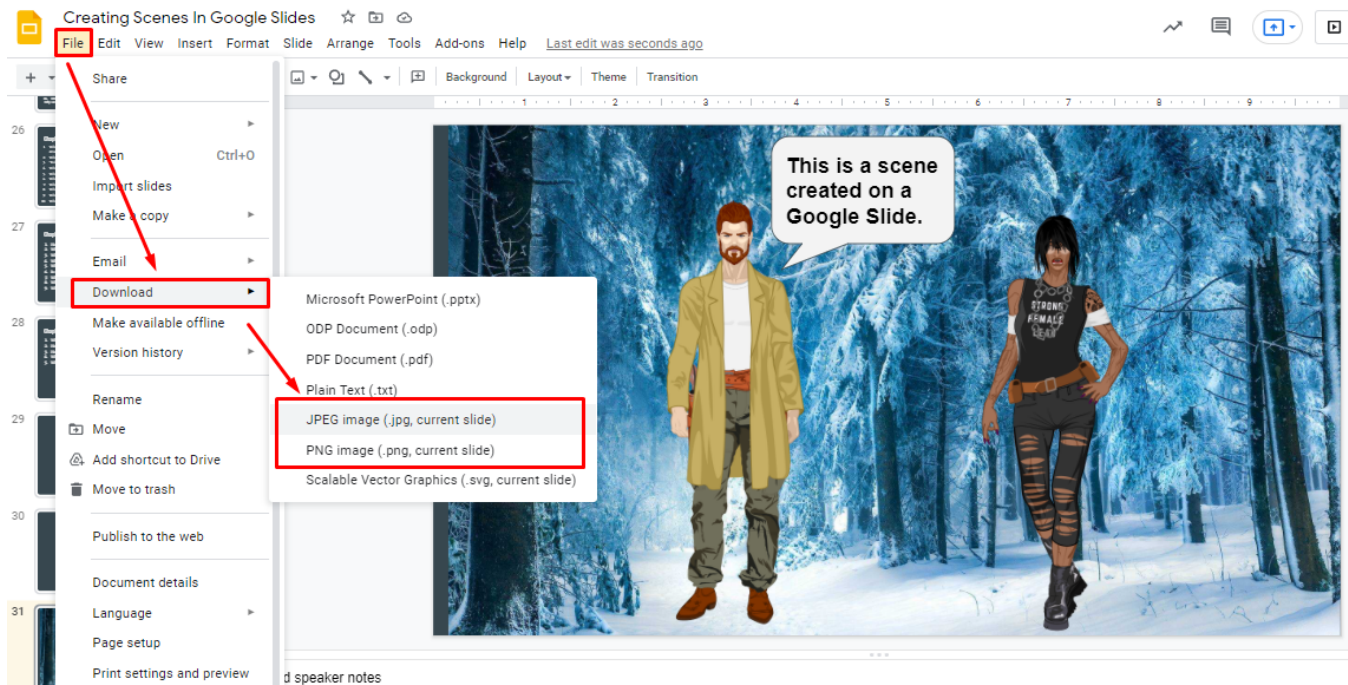- Google Slides (or any slideshow app):
  - Add background images to slides to create "scenes"
  - Drop characters onto these slides to create the *action.* Take a look at these tools to create your characters:
    - BitMoji Add-on for Chrome
    - Google Image Search (Choose "Transparent" for color)
    - Charatoon
    - CharacterCreator
    - JustSketchMe

Some of these tools don't give you transparent backgrounds, but those are easy to remove.

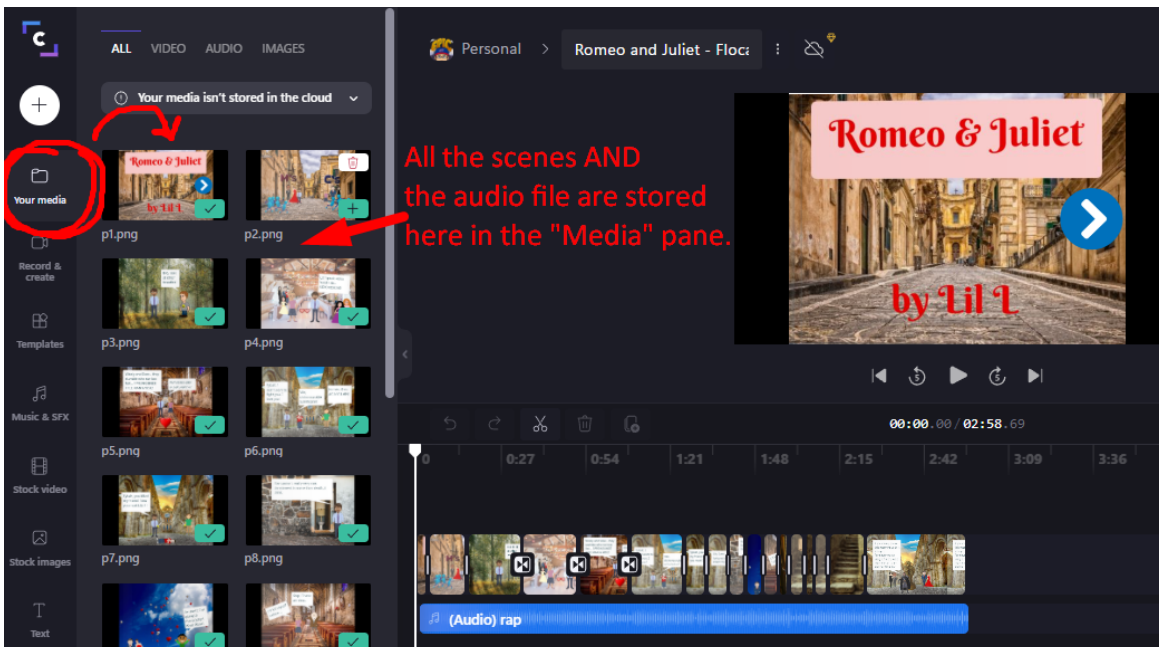 - When your slides are finished, download the slide as an image file:
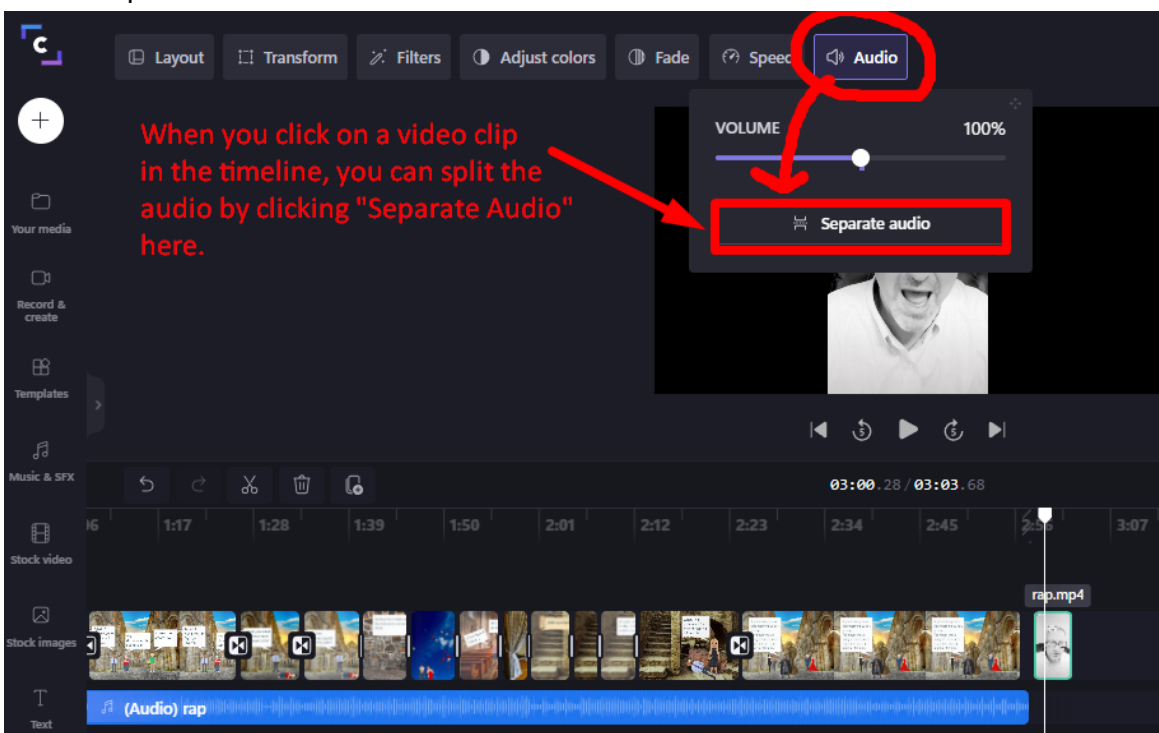 -

Adding the Storyboard and Audio Together

(Putting them both into ClipChamp to make the video)

There are MANY tools for editing video, but we have chosen to use ClipChamp because it operates on almost every platform, iOS, PC, Macs, Chromebooks. It's browser-based, so its functionality is almost unchanged, platform-to-platform.

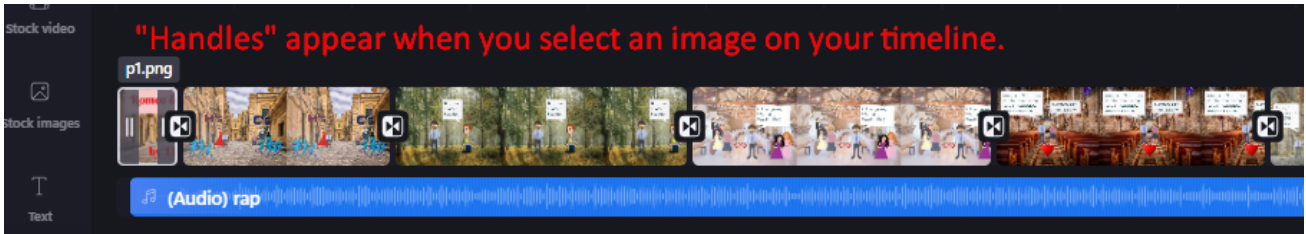1. Upload all the scenes AND the audio of your song to ClipChamp

2. Drag the audio into the audio timeline OR if you have a video split the video and audio and discard the video part.
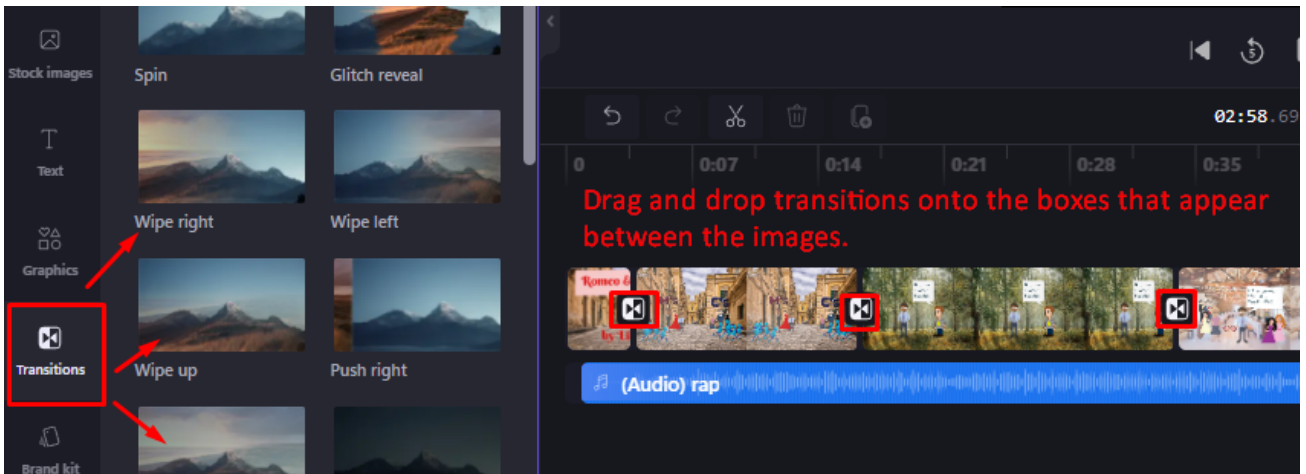
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3. Line up all your images with the audio. You can stretch or shrink the images easily with "handles" that appear once you drop it onto the timeline. Zoom in or Zoom out on the timeline to get more or less accurate.

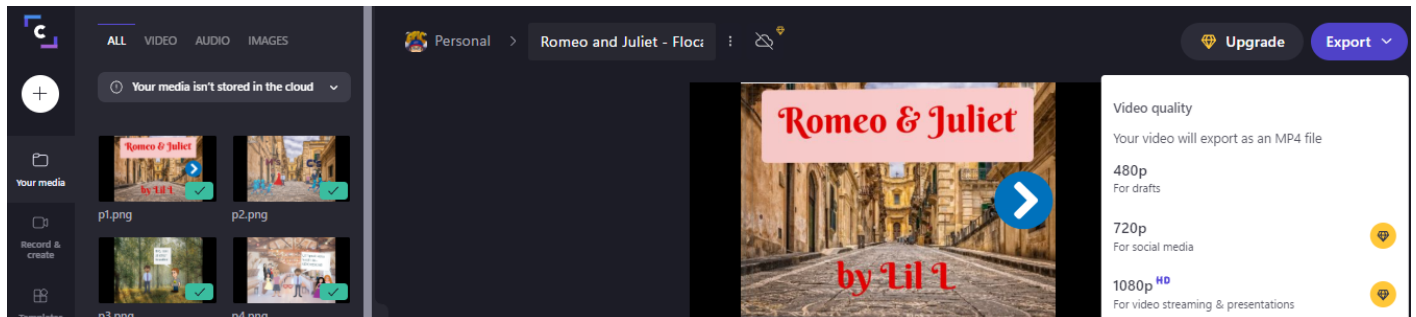4. Add transitions in between your images to make the video smoother.

Uploading the Finished Video to YouTube

(and adding subtitles)

When you're finished editing your video (lining up your images with the audio and adding transitions), it's time to export your video. You can
1. Download it to your computer.
2. Export it directly to YouTube, or TikTok, LinkedIn, and many more video repositories.
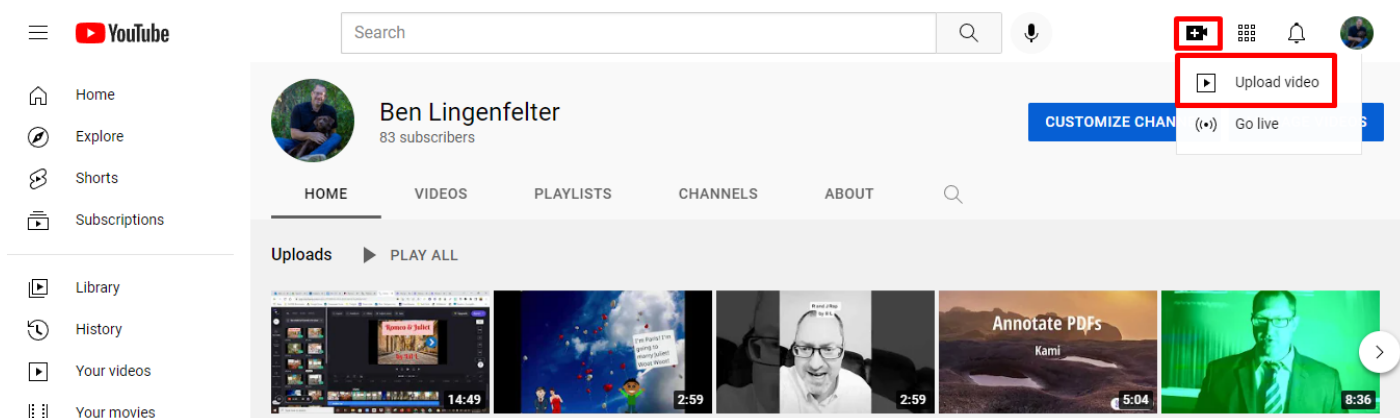

There's no need for class purposes to use a higher resolution than 480p. Wait for it to download and/or upload.
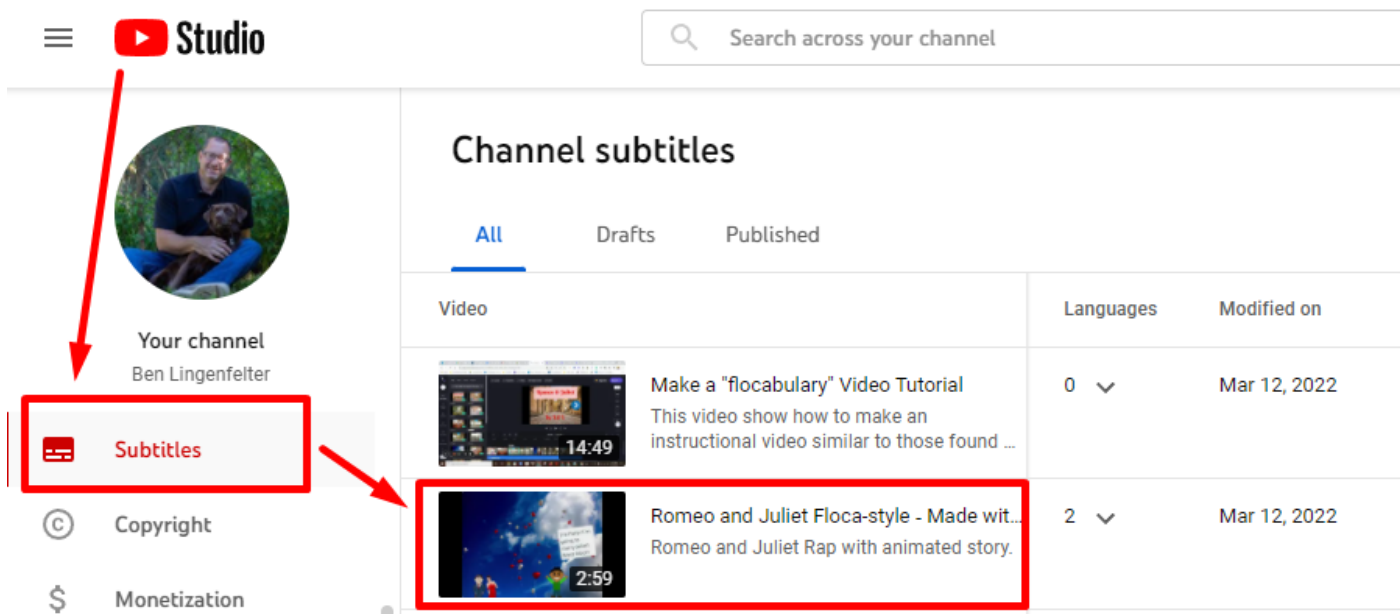
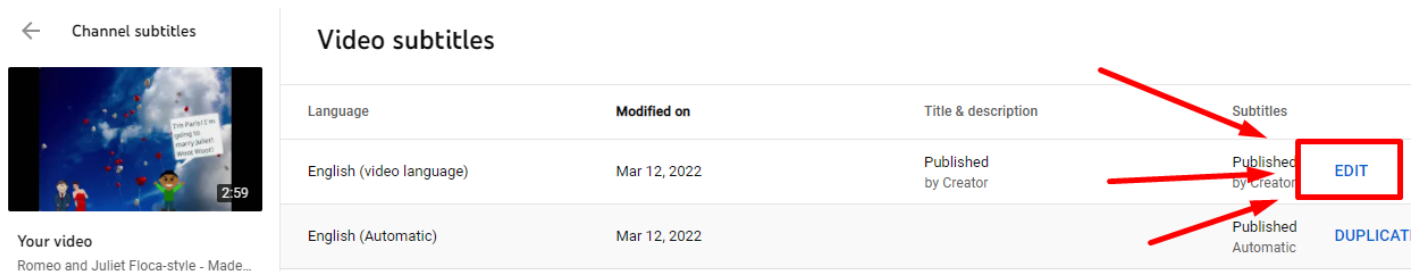Video Version of this Tutorial: https://youtu.be/MuOqFyjb3XM

3. Upload it to YouTube if you didn't do a direct export from ClipChamp.

4. Title your video and create subtitles. It usually works to paste the original lyrics, but you might have to edit some timings. YouTube has really streamlined this process.

If you DO end up having to edit the subtitles, it will take a few minutes, but is usually quite easy.

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